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NSO Bicol celebrates 73rd Anniversary with sweat, food, and website launching

To celebrate National Statistics Office 73rd Anniversary, the NSO Regional Office V – Bicol geared up with four significant activities on August 19, 2013 in Legazpi City. This year's activities were in line with the theme: *Handog ng NSO: 73 Taong Taos Pusong Serbisyo sa Mundo*. The celebration kicked off with a thanksgiving mass at 6:30 AM at the St. Gregory the Great Parish Church, Legazpi City. It was attended by NSO RO V and Albay Provincial Office personnel.

After the Holy Mass, the NSO RO V personnel, headed by OIC Clemente S. Manaog proceeded to Peñaranda Park for the Zumba Dance Session. The Department of Health Region V Hataw Team led the exercise routine for an hour. The dance exercise was made part of the activities to promote among the employees healthy practice and instill lifestyle modification for better living.

As the highlight of the celebration, the regional office conducted an outreach activity dubbed as "NSO V Reads & Feeds @ 73" in Sitio Guyam, Bgy. Taysan, Legazpi City from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM. The activity showcased a story-telling session and feeding activity for the 29 pupils of Guyam Day Care Center. In his message, OIC Manaog thanked the teacher, parents and children of Guyam Day Center for giving NSO the opportunity to be of help and to share with the children the blessings the office and its employees received in many years. During the occasion, NSO V also launched its Adopt-A-Day Center Project. The Guyam Day Care Center was chosen to be the beneficiary of the said project from August 2013 to September 2014. Quarterly, through the collaborative efforts and initiative of its employees, NSO RO V will organize activities such as story-telling, feeding, gift-giving, cleaning and other child-friendly activities.

The children anticipated the story-telling session made interesting by selected personnel who acted out the characters of the story "May *Tatlong Palaka – Buhay sa may Sapa*" by Roberto Alonzo. Candy treats were given

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